

# THE GOVERNMENT MUST PAY.

Federal Troops Used a Missouri Church as a Fort.

Kansas City.—During the civil war federal troops used and occupied the Christian church in Sturgeon, Mo., part of the time for soldiers' quarters then for a hospital, and later for a stable. Soon after the war the church trustees put in a claim for damages, but the government refused it, and allowed only a small rental. During the last congress Senator Warner introduced a bill for \$1,000 damages for the church. The bill did not pass and the matter was referred to the court of claims. Depositions were taken recently before W. F. Keith, clerk of the Sturgeon court of com-



Church Used by Federal Troops.

mon pleas, to be read before the court, where the matter is still pending.

The evidence tended to show that the church building was used by the federal soldiers for almost the entire duration of the war. The building was built in 1858 or 1859, and was as good as new when the war broke out. John Robinson, then a small boy, sold pie to the soldiers, and hence was able to tell that the troops occupied the church and the condition of the building at the close of the war. There was a fort or trench dug around or in front of the church—a deep ditch, across which fence rails were laid angling to prevent a charge. There was some kind of a stockade built inside the fortification, and the bell tower, or cupola, was torn away and a small platform built upon the top, where sentinels would sit all day with field glasses surveying the country around for miles, looking for the enemy. There were no trees on the prairie then to obstruct the view.

The church will probably get \$500 or \$600 from the government.

# RULES TRIBE LIKE A QUEEN.

Daughter of Founder of St. Joseph, Mo., 100 Years Old.

Guthrie, Okla.—The descendants of some of the first families of Chicago are now receiving in Oklahoma considerable attention from the United States government. They are Sac and Fox Indians who are receiving titles to their land allotments, which they took about 15 years ago, when their reservation in eastern Oklahoma was opened to settlement. The same consideration is being shown their present neighbors and friends, the Iowa Indians in Oklahoma, whose lands were allotted at the same time. The Iowas, however, number but a few in comparison with the Sacs and Foxes. Among the most prominent Iowa In-



Thessa Roubideaux.

dians soon to receive titles is Thessa Roubideaux, a daughter of that Joseph Roubideaux who founded St. Joseph, Mo. She is now 100 years old, and rules the tribe as a queen. The Oklahoma Iowas came here in the fall of 1868, following a quarrel with the mother tribe in Kansas.

They arrived in Oklahoma, on the banks of Deep Fork, in mid-winter, without food and on the point of starvation. They were befriended by the Sacs and Foxes. Each one of the Oklahoma Iowas is now expecting a payment of \$40 from the government, the last annuity payment due them when they left the Kansas reservation for Oklahoma.

# Value of Plant Cultivation.

The growing recognition of the necessity for the systematic governmental introduction of exotic plants is indicated by the announcement that in the near future there will be held in Paris an international conference devoted to the selection and introduction of useful plants. The work of the bureau of plant industry in this country has been fully appreciated by the farmers and commercial seedmen, as well, and already the returns from new crops introduced through the bureau's agency have repaid many fold in the federal expense incurred in their discovery.

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